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from Freezing During Storage

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Response to Office Action of April 25, 2003

This is in response to the office Action of April 25, 2003. Please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the Abstract beginning at page 17, line 1 and continuing through line
27, and replace with the following shortened paragraph:

Abstract

A keep-warm system for a fuel cell power plant (10),
typically of the PEM type, prevents freeze-sensitive
portions of the power plant, such as the cell stack